¶ THE Charge of the Court Ba= ron,

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BODLEIANA

Fyrste ye good men that be swoꝛn, ye ſhal inquire and truely preſent al the ſuters that owe any ſute vnto this court at thys day, foꝛ there tenures yf they be here oꝛ noo, and preſente there names, that make default.

Alſo yf there be anye tenaunte dede, ſithen the laſt lawe day, ye ſhal inquire of him, and do vs to wete, what he held of this loꝛdeſhyp, at the day of hys death, and what aduauntage the Loꝛde ſhoulde haue by hys death, as warde, maryage, reliefe fine, oꝛ eſtchete, oꝛ anye other pꝛofytte, and who is hys nexte heyꝛe, and what age he is of and in whoſe keppynge.

Alſo yf there be anye rente, cuſtome, oꝛ ſeruyce wythdꝛawen from thys Loꝛdeſhyppe, that ought of ryght to be done, ye ſhal inquyꝛe by whome it is withdꝛawen, and what cuſtome oꝛ ſeruyce it is, and in what Baylyffes tyme, and howe longe it hathe bene wythholdenne. And where the landelyeth that we maye dyſtrayne foꝛ the arrerages that are behynde.

Alſo yf there be anye bonde of bloude, that putteth hys ſonne to ſcoole, to make hym a pꝛieſt, oꝛ a pꝛentyſe, oꝛ ſetteth hym

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to crafte or maryeth hys daughter without leue, ye shal do vs to wytte.

Also if there be any bond man that letteth hys land for the halfe, or for the thyrd sheafe, without leaue, or ells yf there be any bonde man that withdraweth his goodes, or cattells, out of thys lordeshyppe without leue ye shall doo vs to wete.

Also yf the Lordes common be so charged by anye tenaunte, with moo beastes then he shoulde after the quantitie of hys tenure, ye shall do vs to wete.

Also yf there be any bondman of bloud that longeth to thys Lordeshyp, that is fled and dwelleth with out thys Lordeshyp, without fine or raunsome makynge, ye shall do vs to wete.

Also yf there be any alinacion ouer.xij. monethes and a daye, or leasse for terme of yeres in fee, or fee tayle, ye shall do vs to wete.

Also yf there be any transmutacion of possession, that is to say, copy lande for fre lande, or free land for copy lande, wherof the lord might take any disaduauntage in amending of the one, and paryng of the other, also of all maner of wast done in howesynge, lettinge downe or cuttynge the greate tymber, ye shal do vs to wete.

Also

Also of all trespasers, in corne, grasse, or pasture, groues, or medowes, or fishers or foulers or hunters, or haukers, within this Lordeshyp or lordes warren, ye shal do vs to wete.

Also if ther be any tenaunt of copy hold, tenaunt at wyll, or tenaunt of bond tenure, that suffer theyr tenauntes to be ruynous, and fall downe, or ells any fermer, bounden to reparation, repayre not as he ought to do, do vs to wete.

Also yf there be any bond man of bloud, within thys Lordshyp, that purchaseth anye fre lande, withoute leue or lycence, ye shall doo vs to wete, what he is, and what heire he hath.

Also of all other thynges that ye haue knowen, that oughte to be presented to the Lordes auayle, ye shal do vs to wete by the othes ye haue made, and bring in a true presentment.

Also yf any make any rescus, or breake any rest made by the baylyffe, or any other officer or else yf any man breake the lordes pounde, that is to say a dystresse put in the Lordes pounde by an offycer, and taken oute agayne wythoute lycence.

Also yf you know any that remoueth or pulleth vppe mere stones, or stakes betwene Lordeshyppe, and Lordeshyppe, or tenaunt, and tenaunte, whither it be bonde or free, presente

theyr names.

Also yf any tenaunte geue any lande to the Churche, that is to say, to mortmayne sith the Statute thereof was made without lycence of the Quene, and the Lorde of thys Lordeshyp, ye shall do vs to wete.

Also yf any man haue incroched anye of the lordes soyle, that is to say, Land, medowe, more, pasture, or anye vacant ground without lycence of the lorde, present there names.

Also if any man hold two tenementes, and wasteth the one, as yf he withdrewe anye trees from the one to the other, yf ye knowe anye such present there names by your othe.

Also yf anye tenaunte, haue made anye stryppe or wast vpon his bond tenemēt, Stripe, that is to say, pulling of vp trees, or hedges, wast is to saye, lettinge houses to fall downe, for defaulte of reparacyons, yf there be anye such, presente theym.

Also, yf ye knowe anye tenaunte that withdraweth or kepeth the euydence that longeth to thys Lordeshyppe, Courte Roules, Rentall, Customaryes, or anye other euydence presente theym.

Also, yf anye haue with theyr Cattell, forcharged or ouerleyne anye common, within the precyncte of thys maner, or anye part or per-

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cell of the same, there are foure seuerall commons, that is to saye, Commen Appendent, Common Appertenaunt, Common in Grosse, and Percause de Vilinage: If any of you pretend to haue Common Appendent to any part of your freholde and to comon vnder that nature of comon, then measured to a certayne nombre, that is, as many beastes, as the foder or profites of your corne reacheth vnto, sustayne and fynde in wynter, so many maye you kepe in the common in sommer, yf any of you haue alyenacion of freholde, where vnto you pretende to haue thys common, your interest passeth therwith. Anno xiiii. Hen. iiii. Fol. iii. Alwel you may haue thys common in any water or other voyde place, whervppon maye ryse anye commoditie, or other aduauntage, for a common welth, as turues, or otherwise incident or belonging to any part of your cõmon, as it appereth. Anno. xliii. E. iiii. And this common serueth for beastes conueniable: And where any of you pretend to haue any Common Appertenaunt, or cõmon in Grose, these commons dyffer that ther be not amesurable, but that euery tenaunt maye at hys pleasure put in his cattel, without admesurment, and these commons serueth as wel for beastes conueniable as other, & is most commonlye by prescriptiõ: And the Cõmon Percause de Vilinage, is wheras two townes, or two mansers are adioyning and haue vsed time out of mynde, to entre common with theyr cattell in the waste feldes, or other grounded, next adioyning and is also by prescription.

Also

Also yf the Lorde haue anye villan as bondemen or neyffes incident or belongynge to hys maner, so that any of them dwell or inhabite out of the precincte or lymyttes of thys hys manour, with that it be within the yeare and the daye, next or immediatelye after hys or theyr departyng, at the Lordes Baylyffe, or other officer, may receale him or them agayne to the lords vse and behofe.

Also, and yf any such villayne haue inhabited, or dwelled out of the precinct of this manour, a hole yeare and a daye in anye fraũchyfed towne, or other lybertie, that Lordes Baylyffes, can take no lawefull feasure of hym duryng such tyme as he abydeth in the same lybertie, but at hys nexte commyng to receale hym.

Also yf anye vyllan there be inhabyted within thys maner or elles where, that without the assent of the Lord, hath marryed anye of hys daughters to any free man, so that by such mariage the lordes inherytaunce is hindered or denied, it is contrary to the statute thereof made, or yf any vyllan hath put hys childe to scoole, or made hym a preyst, there ought no villan so to do, without the assent of the Lorde.

Also, & yf any of the Lords villans therbe that sence the last courte, haue purchased anye freholde, gyue it in knowledge that the Lordes officer, before any alienation by the same vyllan,

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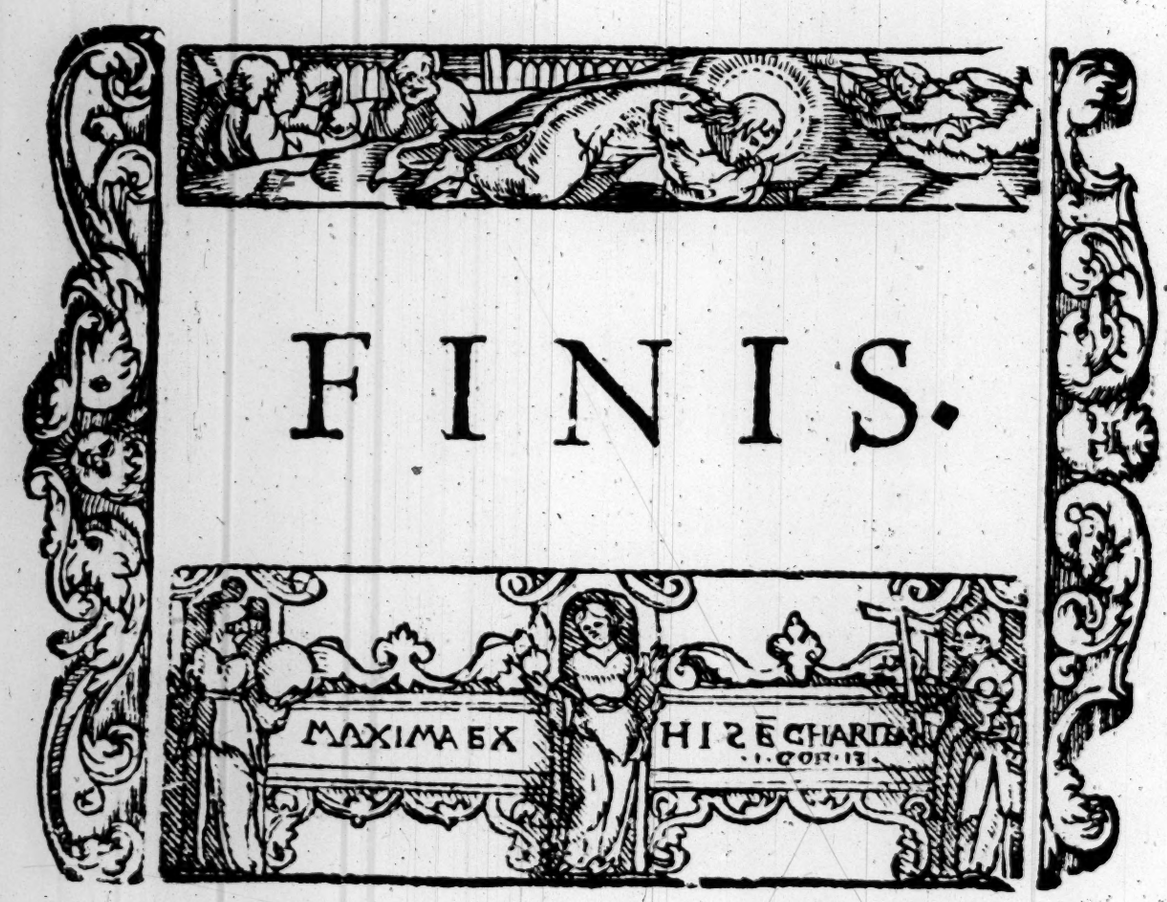
made, maye take lawefull seasure of it, to the vse and behoue of the lord: Yf any alyenacion be, before any clayme or other seasure be made by the Lord, it shall bare the Lord for the seasure after, but yf it be the Quenes case, Quia nullum tempus occurris Regi.

Also of all theim that be harme doers in the Lordes woodes, sprynges, hedges, rowes or otherwise within the manor, or those that be harme doers in the Lordes general feldes, inclosures, medowes, pastures, or in any other feldes, within the Lordeshyppe.

Also of all Dyches, Lanes, and bye wayes, that are not well and suffycyently repayred, scoured, and amended, and al bowes, braunches, and other trees, that ouer lye and ouerhangeth anye of them, howe long they haue bene suffered where and in whose defaulte.

Also of al those that vse and dayly accostome to hunt, or hauke within this Lordship, to thentent to distroy ẏ Lords warren, or other game within this maner, or they that vse to take Fesauntes, Partryges, or Quales, with whatsoeuer ingen it be, it is inquirable and synable by the statute, there ought no mã to kepe any greyhound, or hound, but if he may dispend frely xl.s. Per Annum.

Also yf anye copyholder haue made

anye surrender out of thys courte, sence the laste lawe daye by whose handes it was made, and to what vse, and presente it.

Also, of all these, and of all other thynges, that you haue knowledge of, that ought to be presented in this court to the Lordes auayle, you shall goo together, and bryng in a true presentment.